

# New Finding on Factoring Prime Power RSA Modulus

$$N = p^r q$$

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**Abstract** This paper proposes three new attacks. In the first attack we consider the class of the public exponents satisfying an equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  for suitably small positive integers  $a, b$ . Applying continued fractions we show that  $\frac{Y}{X}$  can be recovered among the convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . Moreover, we show that the number of such exponents is at least  $N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)} - \varepsilon}$  where  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  is arbitrarily small for large  $N$ . The second and third attacks works upon  $k$  RSA public keys  $(N_i, e_i)$  when there exist  $k$  relations of the form  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i = z_i$  or of the form  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y = z_i$  and the parameters  $x, x_i, y, y_i, z_i$  are suitably small in terms of the prime factors of the moduli. We apply the LLL algorithm, and show that our strategy enables us to simultaneously factor  $k$  prime power RSA moduli.

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## 1. Introduction

The underlying one-way function of RSA is the integer factorization problem: Multiplying two large primes is computationally easy, but factoring the resulting product is very hard. It is also well known that the security of RSA is based on the difficulty of solving the so-called RSA problem: Given an RSA public key  $(e, N)$  and a ciphertext  $c \equiv m^e \pmod{N}$ , compute the plaintext  $m$ . The RSA problem is not harder to solve than the integer factorization problem, because factoring the RSA modulus  $N$  leads to computing the private exponent  $d$ , and to solving the RSA problem. However, it is not clear, if the converse is true. In the RSA cryptosystem, the public modulus  $N = pq$  is a product of two primes of the same bit size. The public and private exponent  $e$  and  $d$  satisfy the congruence

$$ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)},$$

where  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$  is the Euler totient function [1,2].

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In 1990, Wiener showed that RSA is insecure if  $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{0.25}$  (see [3]). Later based on the lattice basis reduction, Boneh and Durfee improved the bound to  $d < N^{0.292}$  (see [4]). The number of exponents for which their attack applies can be estimated as  $N^{0.292-\varepsilon}$ . Wiener's attack as well as its generalization by Boneh and Durfee is based on the RSA key equation  $ed - k\phi(N) = 1$  where  $k$  is a positive integer. In 2004, Blomer and May combined both Wiener method with Boneh and Durfee method to show that RSA is insecure if the public exponent  $e$  satisfies an equation  $ex - k\phi(N) = y$  (see [5]). Applying the continued fraction algorithm and Coppersmith's method [6], they showed that the RSA modulus can be factored in polynomial time if the parameters  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy

$$x < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{and} \quad |y| \leq N^{-\frac{3}{4}}ex.$$

Additionally, Blomer and May proved that the number of such weak exponents is at least  $N^{\frac{3}{4}-\varepsilon}$  (see [7,8,2]).

Many RSA variants have been proposed in order to ensure computational efficiency while maintaining the acceptable levels of security. One such important variant is the prime power RSA. In prime power RSA the modulus  $N$  is in the form  $N = p^r q$  for  $r \geq 2$ . In 1998, Takagi showed how to use the prime power RSA to speed up the decryption process when the public and private exponents satisfy an equation  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$  (see [9]). As in the standard RSA cryptosystem, the security of the prime power RSA depends on the difficulty of factoring integers of the form  $N = p^r q$  (see [10–12]).

Containing the discussion of variants of RSA moduli by manipulating  $k$  instances of RSA moduli and public key pair  $(N_i, e_i)$  via their  $k$  equations. In 2007, Hinek, showed that it is possible to factor the  $k$  modulus  $N_i$  using  $k$  equations of the form  $e_i d - k_i \phi(N_i) = 1$  if  $d < N^\delta$  with  $\delta = \frac{k}{2(k+1)} - \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is a small constant depending on the size of  $\max N_i$  (see [13]). Very recently in 2014, with  $k$  RSA public keys  $(N_i, e_i)$ , Nitaj, et al. presented a method that factors the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_i$  using  $k$  equations of the shape  $e_i x - y_i \phi(N_i) = z_i$  or of the shape  $e_i x_i - y \phi(N_i) = z_i$  where  $N_i = p_i q_i$ ,  $\phi(N_i) = (p_i - 1)(q_i - 1)$  and the parameters  $x, x_i, y, y_i, z_i$  are suitably small in terms of the prime factors of the moduli [14].

**Our contribution**, as motivated from the recent result of [14] and [2]. This paper proposes three new attacks on the Prime Power RSA with a modulus  $N = p^r q$ . In the first attack, we consider an instance of the prime power RSA with modulus  $N = p^r q$  and public of exponent  $e$  satisfying the equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  for suitable positive integers  $a, b$ . Using continued fraction we show that  $\frac{Y}{X}$  can be recovered among the convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . We show that the number of such exponents is at least  $N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)}-\varepsilon}$  where  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  is arbitrarily small for large  $N$ . Hence one can factor the modulus  $N = p^r q$  in polynomial time.

For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , let  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . The second attack works when  $k$  instances  $(N_i, e_i)$  are such that there exist an integer  $x$ ,  $k$  integers  $y_i$ , and  $k$  integers  $z_i$  satisfying  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i = z_i$ . We show that the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_i$  can be factored in polynomial

time if  $N = \min_i N_i$  and

$$x < N^\delta, y_i < N^\delta, |z_i| < \frac{ap_i^r - bq_i^r}{3(ap_i^r + bq_i^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i \text{ where } \delta = \frac{k - kr^2 - \alpha kr^2}{r^2(1 + k)}.$$

In the third attack we show that the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_i$  can be factored in polynomial time, when the  $k$  instance  $(N_i, e_i)$  of RSA are such that there exist an integer  $y$ , and  $k$  integers  $x_i$  and  $k$  integers  $z_i$  satisfying  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y = z_i$  with  $\min_i N = \min_i N_i, e_i = N^\beta$  and

$$x_i < N^\delta, y < N^\delta, |z_i| < \frac{ap_i^r - bq_i^r}{3(ap_i^r + bq_i^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i \text{ where } \delta = \frac{\beta kr^2 - \alpha kr^2 - k}{r^2(1 + k)}.$$

For the second and third attack we transform the equations into simultaneous diophantine problem and apply lattice basis reduction techniques to find the parameters  $(x, y_i)$  or  $(y, x_i)$  which leads to factorization of  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_i$ .

The rest of the paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we give a brief review of basic facts about the continued fraction, lattice basis reduction and simultaneous diophantine approximations with some useful results needed for the attack. In Section 3, we propose the first attack with estimation of the number of exponents for which our attack works. In Sections 4 and 5, we give the second and third attack. We conclude this paper in Section 6.

## 2. Preliminaries

We start with definition and an important result concerning the continued fraction, lattice basis reduction techniques and simultaneous diophantine equations as well as some useful lemmas needed for the attacks.

### 2.1. Continued fraction

**Definition 2.1** (Continued fraction) *The continued fraction of a real number  $R$  is an expression of the form*

$$R = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \dots}}}$$

where  $a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{N} - 0$  for  $i \geq 1$ . The numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  are called the partial quotients. We use the notation  $R = [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots]$ . For  $i \geq 1$  the rational  $\frac{r_i}{s_i} = [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots]$  are called the convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $R$ . If  $R = \frac{a}{b}$  is a rational number such that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then the continued fraction expansion is finite.

Hardy and Wright (1965) (see [15]). Let  $x = [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m]$  be a continued fraction expansion of  $x$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are coprime integers such that

$$\left| x - \frac{Y}{X} \right| < \frac{1}{2X^2}.$$

Then  $Y = p_n$  and  $X = q_n$  for some convergent  $\frac{p_n}{q_n}$  of  $x$  with  $n \geq 0$ .

### 2.2. Lattice

A lattice is a discrete (additive) subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Equivalently, given  $m \leq n$  linearly independent vectors  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the set

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(b_1, \dots, b_m) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i b_i \mid \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

is a lattice. The  $b_i$  are called basis vectors of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $B = b_1, \dots, b_m$  is called a lattice basis for  $\mathcal{L}$ . Thus, the lattice generated by a basis  $B$  is the set of all integer linear combinations of the basis vectors in  $B$ .

The dimension (or rank) of a lattice, denoted  $\dim(\mathcal{L})$ , is equal to the number of vectors making up the basis. The dimension of a lattice is equal to the dimension of the vector subspace spanned by  $B$ . A lattice is said to be full dimensional (or full rank) when  $\dim(\mathcal{L}) = n$  (see [12]).

A lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  can be represented by a basis matrix. Given a basis  $B$ , a basis matrix  $M$  for the lattice generated by  $B$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix defined by the rows of the set  $b_1, \dots, b_m$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is often useful to represent the matrix  $M$  by  $B$ . A very important notion for the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  is the determinant.

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a lattice generated by the basis  $B = \langle b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle$ . The determinant of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as

$$\det(\mathcal{L}) = \sqrt{\det(BB^T)}.$$

If  $n = m$ , we have

$$\det(\mathcal{L}) = \sqrt{\det(BB^T)} = |\det(B)|.$$

Lenstra et al. (1982) (see [16]). Let  $L$  be a lattice of dimension  $\omega$  with a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_\omega$ . The LLL algorithm produces a reduced basis  $b_1, \dots, b_\omega$  satisfying

$$\|b_1\| \leq \|b_2\| \leq \dots \leq \|b_i\| \leq 2^{\frac{\omega(\omega-1)}{4(\omega+1-i)}} \det \mathcal{L}^{\frac{1}{\omega+1-i}}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq \omega$ .

An application of the LLL algorithm is that it provides a solution to the simultaneous diophantine approximations problem which is defined as follows. Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be  $n$  real numbers and  $\varepsilon$  a real number such that  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . A classical theorem of Dirichlet asserts that there exist integers  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  and a positive integer  $q \leq \varepsilon^{-n}$  such that

$$|q\alpha_i - p_i| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

A method to find simultaneous diophantine approximations to rational numbers was described by [16]. In their work, they considered a lattice with real entries. The following is a similar result for a lattice with integer entries.

**Theorem 2.2** (Simultaneous diophantine approximations) ([14]) *There is a polynomial time algorithm, for given rational numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , to compute integers  $p_1, \dots, p_n$*

and a positive integer  $q$  such that

$$\max_i |q\alpha_i - p_i| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad q \leq 2^{\frac{n(n-3)}{4}}.$$

**Proof** See [14] Appendix A.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Then

$$2^{-\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < q < N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < p < 2^{\frac{1}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}.$$

**Proof** Suppose  $N = p^r q$ . Then multiplying  $q < p < 2q$  by  $p^r$ , we get  $p^r q < p^r p < 2p^r q$  which implies  $N < p^{r+1} < 2N$ , that is  $N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < p < 2^{\frac{1}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Also since  $N = p^r q$ ,  $q = \frac{N}{p^r}$  which in turn implies  $2^{-\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < q < N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ , we have  $2^{-\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < q < N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} < p < 2^{\frac{1}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Let  $|ap^r - bq^r| < N^{\frac{1}{r}}$ . Let  $S$  be an approximation of  $|ap^r + bq^r|$  such that

$$|ap^r + bq^r - S| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}.$$

Then  $abq^{r-1} = [\frac{S^2}{4N}]$ .

**Proof** Set  $S = ap^r + bq^r + k$  with  $k < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (ap^r - bq^r)^2 &= (ap^r - bq^r)(ap^r - bq^r) = (ap^r + bq^r)^2 - 4abq^r p^r \\ &= (ap^r + bq^r)^2 - 4abNq^{r-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$(ap^r - bq^r)^2 = (ap^r + bq^r)^2 - 4abNq^{r-1}. \quad (1)$$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 - 4abNq^{r-1} &= (ap^r + bq^r + k)^2 - 4abNq^{r-1} \\ &= a^2 p^{2r} + 2abq^r p^r + 2akp^r + b^2 q^{2r} + 2bkq^r - 4abNq^{r-1} \\ &= a^2 p^{2r} + 2abq^r p^r + b^2 q^{2r} + 2k(ap^r + bq^r) + k^2 - 4abNq^{r-1} \\ &= (ap^r + bq^r)^2 - 4abNq^{r-1} + 2k(ap^r + bq^r) + k^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore using (1) above, we can rewrite

$$S^2 - 4abNq^{r-1} = (ap^r - bq^r)^2 + 2k(ap^r + bq^r) + k^2. \quad (2)$$

Suppose that  $|ap^r - bq^r| < N^{\frac{1}{r}}$  and  $k < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} < N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}$ . Then, from (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |S^2 - 4abNq^{r-1}| &= |(ap^r - bq^r)^2 + 2k(ap^r + bq^r) + k^2| \\ &< (N^{\frac{1}{r}})^2 + 2(ap^r + bq^r) \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} + (N^{\frac{1}{r^2}})^2 \\ &< N^{\frac{2}{r}} + \frac{2}{3} |ap^r - bq^r| N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} + (N^{\frac{1}{r^2}})^2 \\ &< N^{\frac{2}{r}} + \frac{2}{3} N^{\frac{1}{r}} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} + N^{\frac{2}{r^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &< N^{\frac{2}{r}} + \frac{2}{3}N^{\frac{r+1}{r^2}} + N^{\frac{2}{r^2}} \\ &< 2N. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $|S^2 - 4abNq^{r-1}| < 2N$ . When dividing by  $4N$ , we obtain

$$\left| \frac{S^2}{4N} - abq^{r-1} \right| = \frac{|S^2 - 4abNq^{r-1}|}{4N} < \frac{2N}{4N} = \frac{1}{2}$$

which implies that  $abq^{r-1} = [\frac{S^2}{4N}]$ .  $\square$

### 3. The first attack on prime power RSA with moduli $N = p^r q$

Let  $(N, e)$  be a public key satisfying an equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  with small parameters  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  where  $a, b$  are suitably small positive integers. In this section, we present a result based on continued fractions and show how to factor the Prime Power RSA modulus  $N$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Let  $e$  be a public key exponent satisfying the equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1$ , if  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}$ . Then  $\frac{Y}{X}$  is among the convergent of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ .*

**Proof** Assume that  $Z < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ , thus  $Z < |ap^r - bq^r|Y$ . Hence from the equation

$$eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{e}{N} - \frac{Y}{X} \right| &= \frac{|eX - NY|}{NX} = \frac{|Z - (ap^r + bq^r)Y|}{NX} \\ &< \frac{|Z + (ap^r + bq^r)Y|}{NX} \leq \frac{|Z|}{NX} + \frac{|(ap^r + bq^r)Y|}{NX} \\ &\leq \frac{|(ap^r + bq^r)Y|}{NX} + \frac{|(ap^r + bq^r)Y|}{NX} \\ &\leq \frac{2(ap^r + bq^r)Y}{NX} \leq \frac{2(ap^r + bq^r)X}{NX} \\ &= \frac{2(ap^r + bq^r)}{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if the condition  $\frac{2(ap^r + bq^r)}{N} < \frac{1}{2X^2}$  holds, then from the theorem of the continued fraction,  $\frac{Y}{X}$  is one of the convergents of the continued fraction of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(ap^r + bq^r)}{N} &< \frac{1}{2X^2}, \quad 4X^2(ap^r + bq^r) < N, \\ X^2 &< \frac{N}{4(ap^r + bq^r)}, \quad X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Suppose that  $e$  is a public key exponent satisfying the*

equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1$ , if  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ , then  $N$  can be factored in polynomial time.

**Proof** Suppose that the public key  $e$  satisfies an equation

$$eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$$

with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1$ . Let  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$  satisfy the condition of Lemma 3.1 above. Then  $\frac{Y}{X}$  is one of the convergents of the continued fraction of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . Let us rewrite equation  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  as

$$\frac{eX}{Y} - N + (ap^r + bq^r) = \frac{Z}{Y}, \quad (ap^r + bq^r) + \frac{eX}{Y} - N = \frac{Z}{Y}.$$

This implies

$$(ap^r + bq^r) - (N - \frac{eX}{Y}) = \frac{Z}{Y}.$$

We define  $S = N - \frac{eX}{Y}$ , therefore by Lemma 2.4,  $S$  is an approximation of  $|ap^r + bq^r|$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} |ap^r + bq^r - S| &\leq |(ap^r + bq^r) - (N - \frac{eX}{Y})| = \frac{Z}{Y} \\ &\leq \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)Y} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which, by Lemma 2.4, implies that  $abq^{r-1} = [\frac{S^2}{4N}]$ , for value of  $S = N - \frac{eX}{Y}$ . Therefore, it follows that  $q = \gcd([\frac{S^2}{4N}], N)$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.3** The following shows an illustration of our attack for  $r = 3$ , given  $N$  and  $e$  as

$$N = 35873192098203857081, \quad e = 28134227590946405731.$$

Suppose that the public key  $(e, N)$  satisfies  $N = p^r q$ ,  $q < p < 2q$  and  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  for small parameters  $X, Y, Z$  as stated in the Theorem 1. Following the above algorithm, we first compute the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . The list of first convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$  are

$$\left[0, 1, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{11}{14}, \frac{29}{37}, \frac{40}{51}, \frac{309}{394}, \frac{349}{445}, \frac{2054}{2619}, \frac{4457}{5683}, \frac{15425}{19668}, \frac{189557}{241699}, \frac{394539}{503066}, \dots\right].$$

Therefore omitting the first and second entry and starting with the convergent  $\frac{3}{4}$ , we obtain

$$S = N - \frac{eX}{Y} = \frac{-4917334069174051681}{3}, \quad \left[\frac{S^2}{4N}\right] = 18723494352664627.$$

Hence  $\gcd([\frac{S^2}{4N}], N) = (18723494352664627, 35873192098203857081) = 1$ . Therefore applying the factorization algorithm with the convergent  $\frac{40}{51}$ , we obtain

$$S = N - \frac{eX}{Y} = \frac{82076789887590959}{40}, \quad \left[\frac{S^2}{4N}\right] = 29342068566.$$

We compute  $\gcd([\frac{S^2}{4N}], N) = (29342068566, 35873192098203857081) = 69931$ . Finally with  $q = 69931$ , we compute  $p = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N}{q}} = 80051$ , which leads to the factorization of  $N$ .

**Algorithm 1**

**Input:** A public key  $(e, N)$  satisfying  $N = p^r q$ ,  $q < p < 2q$  and  $eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$  for small parameters  $X, Y, Z$

**Output:** The prime factors  $p$  and  $q$ .

- 1: Compute the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ .
- 2: For every convergent  $\frac{Y}{X}$  of  $\frac{e}{N}$ , compute  $S = N - \frac{eX}{Y}$ .
- 3: Compute  $[\frac{S^2}{4N}]$ .
- 4: Compute  $q = \gcd([\frac{S^2}{4N}], N)$ .
- 5: If  $1 < q < N$ , then  $p^r = \frac{N}{q}$ .
- 6: End if.
- 7: End for.

**3.1. Estimation of the weak exponent**

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $|ap^r - bq^r| < N^{\frac{1}{r}}$ . Suppose that  $e$  is a public key exponent satisfying the two equations

$$eX' - NY' + (ap^r + bq^r)Y' = Z', \quad eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$$

with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1 = \gcd(X', Y')$ ,  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z, Z'| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ . Then  $X = X', Y = Y'$  and  $Z = Z'$ .

**Proof** Suppose that  $e$  satisfies the two equations

$$eX' - NY' + (ap^r + bq^r)Y' = Z', \quad eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$$

with  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z|, |Z'| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ . Then, from

$$eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z,$$

we have

$$e = \frac{NY + Z - (ap^r + bq^r)Y}{X}.$$

Also from  $eX' - NY' + (ap^r + bq^r)Y' = Z'$ , we get

$$e = \frac{NY' + Z' - (ap^r + bq^r)Y'}{X'}.$$

Equating the term  $e$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{NY + Z - (ap^r + bq^r)Y}{X} &= \frac{NY' + Z' - (ap^r + bq^r)Y'}{X'}, \\ NYX' + ZX' - (ap^r + bq^r)YX' &= NY'X + Z'X - (ap^r + bq^r)Y'X, \\ (ap^r + bq^r)(Y'X - YX') + ZX' - Z'X &= N(Y'X - YX'). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Next we assume that  $X, X' < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z, Z'| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ . Then the left hand

side of (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(ap^r + bq^r)(Y'X - YX') + ZX' - Z'X| \\
 & < (ap^r + bq^r)(|Y'X - YX'|) + |ZX' - Z'X| \\
 & < (ap^r + bq^r)(|Y'X| + |YX'|) + |ZX'| + |Z'X| \\
 & < (ap^r + bq^r) \frac{N^{\frac{2}{r}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)} + \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r}}}{6(ap^r + bq^r)^2} \times N^{\frac{1+2r}{r^2}} \\
 & < \frac{1}{2}N^{\frac{2}{r}} + \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1+2r}{r^2}}}{6(ap^r + bq^r)^2} < \frac{1}{2}N^{\frac{2}{r}} + \frac{N^{\frac{3r+1}{r^2}}}{6(ap^r + bq^r)^2} \\
 & < N.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence from the right hand side of (3) we deduce that  $Y'X - YX' = 0$ . Since  $\gcd(X, Y) = \gcd(X', Y') = 1$ , it follows that  $X' = X, Y' = Y$  and  $Z' = Z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus prime power with  $q < p < 2q$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Suppose that  $e < N$  is a public key exponent satisfying the equation*

$$eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$$

with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1, 1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  and  $|Z, Z'| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$  is at least  $N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)} - \epsilon}$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrarily small for suitably large  $N$ .

**Proof** Suppose that the exponent  $e$  satisfies an equation

$$eX - NY + (ap^r + bq^r)Y = Z$$

with  $\gcd(X, Y) = 1$  and  $1 \leq Y \leq X < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}}, |Z, Z'| < \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} Y$ . Let  $\xi$  denote the number of the exponent  $e$  satisfying

$$e \equiv \frac{Z - (ap^r + bq^r)Y}{X} \pmod{N}.$$

With the condition given in the theorem, we have

$$\xi = \sum_{Y=1}^{\omega_1} \sum_{\substack{X=1 \\ \gcd(X,Y)=1}}^{Y-1} \sum_{|Z|=1}^{\omega_2} 1, \tag{4}$$

where  $\omega_1 = \lfloor \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(ap^r + bq^r)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \rfloor$  and  $\omega_2 = \lfloor \frac{|ap^r - bq^r|}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} \rfloor$ . Observe that

$$\sum_{|Z|=1}^{\omega_2} 1 = 2\omega_2 > \frac{ap^r - bq^r}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} > \frac{N^{\frac{r}{r^2}}}{3(ap^r + bq^r)} > N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}. \tag{5}$$

Substituting (5) into (4), we get

$$\xi > N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} \sum_{X=1}^{\omega_1} \sum_{\substack{Y=1 \\ \gcd(X,Y)=1}}^{X-1} 1. \tag{6}$$

Also by considering the following identity for  $1 < Y < N$ , we have [15, Theorem 328]

$$\sum_{\substack{X=1 \\ \gcd(X,Y)=1}}^{Y-1} 1 = \phi(Y) > \frac{CY}{\log \log Y} > \frac{CY}{\log \log N}, \quad (7)$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant. Substituting (7) into (6), we get

$$\xi > N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} \times \frac{C}{\log \log N} \sum_{Y=1}^{\omega_1} Y. \quad (8)$$

Then for  $\sum_{Y=1}^{\omega_1} Y$ , we have

$$\sum_{Y=1}^{\omega_1} Y = \frac{\omega_1(\omega_1 + 1)}{2} > \frac{N}{8(ap^r + bq^r)}.$$

Substituting into (8) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &> N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} \times \frac{C}{\log \log N} \times \frac{N}{8(ap^r + bq^r)}, \\ \xi &> \frac{C}{8 \log \log N} \times \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} \times N}{(ap^r + bq^r)}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Next we assume that  $ap^r + bq^r < 2ap^r$ , then using the result from Lemma 2.3, we have

$$(ap^r + bq^r) < (2ap^r) < (2a(2^{\frac{1}{r+1}} N^{\frac{1}{r+1}})^r) < 2a(2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{r}{r+1}}).$$

Substituting the above result into (10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &> \frac{C}{16 \log \log N} \times \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r+1}} \times N}{a2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{r}{r+1}}} = \frac{C}{16 \log \log N} \times \frac{N^{\frac{r+2}{(r+1)}}}{a2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} N^{\frac{r}{r+1}}} \\ &= \frac{C}{16a2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} \log \log N} N^{\frac{r+2-r}{(r+1)}} = \frac{C}{16a2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} \log \log N} N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)}} \\ &= N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)} - \varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where we set  $N^{-\varepsilon} = \frac{C}{16a2^{\frac{r}{r+1}} \log \log N}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrarily small for large  $N$ .  $\square$

#### 4. The second attack on $k$ prime power RSA with moduli $N_i = p_i^r q_i$

Suppose that the prime power RSA moduli  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$  with the same size  $N$ , satisfies the  $k$  equations of the form  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r) y_i = z_i$ . In this section for  $k \geq 2$ ,  $r \geq 2$  we show that it is possible to factor the RSA moduli  $N_i$  if the unknown parameters  $x$ ,  $y_i$ , and  $z_i$  are suitably small.

**Theorem 4.1** For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , let  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be  $k$  RSA moduli. Let  $N = \min_i N_i$ . Let  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , be  $k$  public exponents. Define  $\delta = \frac{k-kr^2-\alpha kr^2}{r^2(1+k)}$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  such that  $ap_i^r + bq_i^r < N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}$ . If there exist an integer  $x < N^\delta$  and  $k$  integers  $y_i < N^\delta$  and  $|z_i| < \frac{ap_i^r - bq_i^r}{3(ap_i^r + bq_i^r)} N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i$  such that  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r) y_i = z_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then one can factor the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_1, \dots, N_k$  in polynomial time.

**Proof** For  $k \geq 2$ , and  $r \geq 2$ , let  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be  $k$  RSA moduli. Let  $N = \min_i N_i$  and

suppose that  $y_i < N^\delta$  and  $|ap_i^r + bq_i^r| < N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}$ . Then the equation  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i = z_i$  can be rewritten as

$$\left| \frac{e_i}{N_i} x - y_i \right| = \frac{|z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i|}{N_i}. \tag{10}$$

Let  $N = \min_i N_i$ , and suppose that  $y_i < N^\delta$ ,  $|z_i| < N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i$  and  $|ap_i^r + bq_i^r| < N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i|}{N_i} &\leq \frac{|z_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i|}{N} < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} \cdot N^\delta + N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha} \cdot N^\delta}{N} \\ &< \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta} + N^{\delta + \frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}}{N} < \frac{2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha}}{N} \\ &< 2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha - 1} < 2N^{\delta + \alpha - \frac{1-r^2}{r^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (11) gives

$$\left| \frac{e_i}{N_i} x - y_i \right| < 2N^{\delta + \alpha - \frac{1-r^2}{r^2}}.$$

Hence to show the existence of the integer  $x$ , we let  $\varepsilon = 2N^{\delta + \alpha - \frac{1-r^2}{r^2}}$  with  $\delta = \frac{k-kr^2 - \alpha kr^2}{r^2(1+k)}$ . Then we have  $N^\delta \varepsilon^k = 2^k N^{\delta + \delta k + \alpha k - \frac{k-kr^2}{r^2}} = 2^k$ . Therefore since  $2^k < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k$  for  $k \geq 2$ , we get  $N^\delta \varepsilon^k < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k$ . It follows that if  $x < N^\delta$ , then  $x < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k \cdot \varepsilon^{-k}$ . Summarizing for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{e_i}{N_i} x - y_i \right| < \varepsilon, \quad x < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k \cdot \varepsilon^{-k}.$$

Hence it satisfies the conditions of [9], and we can obtain  $x$  and  $y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Next from the equation  $e_i x - N_i y_i = z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y_i$ , we get  $(ap_i^r + bq_i^r) - (N_i - \frac{e_i x}{y_i}) = \frac{z_i}{y_i}$ . Since  $|z_i| < N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i$  and  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x}{y_i}$  is an approximation of  $ap_i^r + bq_i^r$  with an error term of at most  $N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}$ , using Lemma 2.4 implies that  $abq_i^{r-1} = [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}]$  with  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x}{y_i}$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we compute  $q_i = \gcd(N_i, [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}])$ , which leads to factorization of  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_1, \dots, N_k$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.2** As an illustration to our second attack on  $k$  prime power RSA, we consider the following three RSA prime power and three public exponents

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= 195913529940402603031674701565686460957705692507216261, \\ N_2 &= 1699792229500044813712237659620911127764134824069262841, \\ N_3 &= 329379702220475771810602176295700529470194378439619479, \\ e_1 &= 1299624034157903683520936147567648842539689302303, \\ e_2 &= 24975977316909591477014987638482535355381489609233, \\ e_3 &= 32771125955079641000884923182329513369784895666742. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3) = 1699792229500044813712237659620911127764134824069262841$ . Since  $k = 3$  and  $r = 3$  with  $\alpha < \frac{1}{3}$ , we get  $\delta = \frac{k-kr^2 - \alpha kr^2}{r^2(1+k)} = 0.29166666$  and  $\varepsilon = 2N^{\delta + \alpha - \frac{1-r^2}{r^2}} = 0.00001068145463$ . Using [14, Eq. (11)], with  $n = k = 3$ , we obtain

$$C = [3^{n+1} \cdot 2^{\frac{(n+1)(n-4)}{4}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-n-1}] = 3111239348000000000000.$$

Consider the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  spanned by the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -[Ce_1/N_1] & -[Ce_2/N_2] & -[Ce_3/N_3] \\ 0 & C & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore applying the LLL algorithm to  $\mathcal{L}$ , we obtain the reduced basis with following matrix

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 213211211837 & 632821697847507 & 1241289918735056 & 13478586491738418 \\ 5446677911782793 & -8118714952379577 & -4474991019541616 & 5620827954759402 \\ 5441774053910541 & 2034705429745149 & -12690482991353808 & -5161303690478674 \\ 13755566028807787 & 5229506896157957 & -5232739515531344 & -4243530005173282 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next we compute

$$K \cdot M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 213211211837 & 1414371 & 3132829 & 21213121 \\ 5446677911782793 & 36131417379 & 80031018860 & 541908826441 \\ -5441774053910541 & -36098886846 & -79958963793 & -541420924658 \\ 13755566028807787 & 91249768303 & 202118058404 & 1368588847080 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then from the first row we obtain  $x = 213211211837$ ,  $y_1 = 1414371$ ,  $y_2 = 3132829$ ,  $y_3 = 21213121$ . Hence, using  $x$  and  $y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and defining  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x}{y_i}$ , we get

$$S_1 = 28170739846798573051098910012723043413860,$$

$$S_2 = 216450726906431579918076792924822175513927,$$

$$S_3 = 67266921312851019748440655807702140329434$$

and Lemma 2.4 implies that  $abq_i^{r-1} = [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}]$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , which gives

$$[\frac{S_1^2}{4N_1}] = 1012679654842390385982096006,$$

$$[\frac{S_2^2}{4N_2}] = 6890682926598440000469557334,$$

$$[\frac{S_3^2}{4N_3}] = 3434363648097928977937361334.$$

Therefore for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , we compute  $q_i = \gcd([\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}], N_i)$ , that is

$$q_1 = 12991533491999, \quad q_2 = 33888746722667, \quad q_3 = 23924755826333.$$

Finally for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , we find  $p_i = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N_i}{q_i}}$ , hence

$$p_1 = 24705937446979, \quad p_2 = 36879082724147, \quad p_3 = 23967152513467$$

which leads to the factorization of three RSA moduli  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$ .

## 5. The third attack on $k$ prime power RSA with moduli $N_i = p_i^r q_i$

In this section, we consider the scenario when the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_i = p_i^r q$  for  $k \geq 2$ , and  $r \geq 2$  satisfy  $k$  equations  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y = z_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , with suitably small unknown parameters  $x_i$ ,  $y$  and  $z_i$ .

**Theorem 5.1** For  $k \geq 2$ , and  $r \geq 2$  let  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be  $k$  RSA moduli with the same size  $N$ . Let  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , be  $k$  public exponents with  $\min_i e_i = N^\beta$ . Let  $\delta = \frac{\beta k r^2 - \alpha k r^2 - k}{r^2(1+k)}$ . Let  $a, b$  be suitably small integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  such that  $ap_i^r + bq_i^r < N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}$ . If there exist an integer  $y < N^\delta$  and  $k$  integers  $x_i < N^\delta$  such that  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y = z_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then one can factor the  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_1, \dots, N_k$  in polynomial time.

**Proof** For  $k \geq 2$ , and  $r \geq 2$ , let  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be  $k$  RSA moduli. Then the equation  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y = z_i$  can be rewritten as

$$\left| \frac{N_i}{e_i} y - x_i \right| = \frac{|z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y|}{e_i}. \quad (11)$$

Let  $N = \max_i N_i$ ,  $|z_i| < N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} y_i$  and suppose that  $y < N^\delta$ ,  $\min_i e_i = N^\beta$  and  $|ap_i^r + bq_i^r| < N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y|}{e_i} &\leq \frac{|z_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y|}{N^\beta} < \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r^2}} \cdot N^\delta + N^{\frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha} \cdot N^\delta}{N^\beta} \\ &= \frac{N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta} + N^{\delta + \frac{r}{r+1} + \alpha}}{N^\beta} < \frac{2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha}}{N^\beta} \\ &< 2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha - \beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Substituting into (12) yields  $|\frac{N_i}{e_i} y - x_i| < 2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha - \beta}$ . Hence to show the existence of the integer  $y$  and integers  $x_i$ , we let  $\varepsilon = 2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha - \beta}$ , with  $\delta = \frac{\beta k r^2 - \alpha k r^2 - k}{r^2(1+k)}$ . Then we have

$$N^\delta \varepsilon^k = 2^k N^{\delta + \delta k + \frac{k}{r^2} + \alpha k - \beta k} = 2^k.$$

Therefore since  $2^k < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k$  for  $k \geq 2$ , we get  $N^\delta \varepsilon^k < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k$ . It follows that if  $y < N^\delta$ , then  $y < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k \cdot \varepsilon^{-k}$ . Summarizing for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{N_i}{e_i} y - x_i \right| < \varepsilon, \quad y < 2^{\frac{k(k-3)}{4}} \cdot 3^k \cdot \varepsilon^{-k}.$$

Hence it satisfies the conditions of [14], and we can obtain  $y$  and  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Next from the equation  $e_i x_i - N_i y = z_i - (ap_i^r + bq_i^r)y$ , we get

$$(ap_i^r + bq_i^r) - (N_i - \frac{e_i x_i}{y}) = \frac{z_i}{y}.$$

Since  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x_i}{y}$  is an approximation of  $ap_i^r + bq_i^r$  with an error term of at most  $N^{\frac{1}{r^2}}$ , using Lemma 2.4 implies that  $abq_i^{r-1} = [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}]$  with  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x_i}{y}$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we compute  $q_i = \gcd(N_i, [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}])$ , which leads to factorization of  $k$  RSA moduli  $N_1, \dots, N_k$ .  $\square$

**Example 5.2** As an illustration to our third attack on  $k$  prime power RSA, we consider the following three RSA prime power and three public exponents

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= 2947800737861709702340657241703794392595272941431041237, \\ N_2 &= 3697392947331799452334760423078627470780897985505068341, \\ N_3 &= 1401228895229192381379851548290360077956330577127825833, \\ e_1 &= 3190363639511369890381378344202974523183993998454150851841, \end{aligned}$$

$$e_2 = 3416262481491300633991858686896448090699950274009362612830,$$

$$e_3 = 1265833259393721777962385219569823558855832762344370841001.$$

Then  $N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3) = 3697392947331799452334760423078627470780897985505068341$ . Also  $\min(e_1, e_2, e_3) = N^\beta$  with  $\beta = 0.994871$ . Since  $k = 3$  and  $r = 3$  with  $\alpha < \frac{1}{3}$ , we get  $\delta = \frac{\beta k r^2 - \alpha k r^2 - k}{r^2(1+k)} = 0.2878199168$  and  $\varepsilon = 2N^{\frac{1}{r^2} + \delta + \alpha - \beta} = 0.00001163556867$ . Using [14, Eq. (11)], with  $n = k = 3$ , we obtain

$$C = [3^{n+1} \cdot 2^{\frac{(n+1)(n-4)}{4}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-n-1}] = 2209553741000000000000.$$

Consider the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  spanned by the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -[CN_1/e_1] & -[CN_2/e_2] & -[CN_3/e_3] \\ 0 & C & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore applying the LLL algorithm to  $\mathcal{L}$ , we obtain the reduced basis with following matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 12142354517 & -2333587136850290 & -2655014285575194 & -2972297581182437 \\ -1016896438021615 & 3395215855002550 & 8132820287728430 & -8244621735525985 \\ 1883362666735622 & 11499575960505860 & -7006895107637804 & -854668408378342 \\ 13230083976811097 & -7127477806244890 & 4998010273833246 & -132246744939817 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next we compute

$$K \cdot M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 12142354517 & 11219173 & 13141571 & 13441121 \\ -1016896438021615 & -939581943953 & -1100578699230 & -1125665376413 \\ 1883362666735622 & 1740170866389 & 2038348013065 & 2084810277532 \\ 13230083976811097 & 12224202540996 & 14318811699479 & 14645195816308 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then from the first row we obtain  $y = 12142354517$ ,  $x_1 = 11219173$ ,  $x_2 = 13141571$ ,  $x_3 = 13441121$ . Hence, by using  $x$  and  $y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and defining  $S_i = N_i - \frac{e_i x_i}{y}$ , we get

$$S_1 = 277496294015124701379226644329763281134895,$$

$$S_2 = 338073957594699297080413539113762416114576,$$

$$S_3 = 140236753892330396642702216833404082558525$$

and Lemma 2.4 implies that  $abq_i^{r-1} = [\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}]$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , which gives

$$[\frac{S_1^2}{4N_1}] = 6530647764202866046495021254,$$

$$[\frac{S_2^2}{4N_2}] = 7728012847959674598896447094,$$

$$[\frac{S_3^2}{4N_3}] = 3508767769708551665573768166.$$

Therefore for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  we compute  $q_i = \gcd([\frac{S_i^2}{4N_i}], N_i)$ , that is

$$q_1 = 32991533672047, \quad q_2 = 35888746722707, \quad q_3 = 24182527334519$$

and finally for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , we find  $p_i = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N_i}{q_i}}$ , hence

$$p_1 = 44705937443491, p_2 = 46879082724167, p_3 = 38696272470943$$

which leads to the factorization of three RSA moduli  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$ .

## 6. Conclusion

This paper shows three new attacks on RSA-type modulus of  $N = p^r q$  for  $r \geq 2$  and  $q < p < 2q$ . For the first attack, using continued fraction we show that  $\frac{Y}{X}$  can be recovered among the convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ . Furthermore we show that the set of such weak exponents is relatively large, namely that their number is at least  $N^{\frac{2}{(r+1)} - \varepsilon}$  where  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  is arbitrarily small for suitably large  $N$ . Hence one can factor the prime power RSA modulus  $N = p^r q$  in polynomial time. For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , we present second and third attacks on the prime power RSA with moduli  $N_i = p_i^r q_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . The attacks work when  $k$  RSA public keys  $(N_i, e_i)$  are such that there exist  $k$  relations of the shape  $e_i x - N_i y_i + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r) y_i = z_i$  or of the shape  $e_i x_i - N_i y + (ap_i^r + bq_i^r) y = z_i$  where the parameters  $x, x_i, y, y_i, z_i$  are suitably small in terms of the prime factors of the moduli. Applying LLL algorithm, we show that our approach enables us to simultaneously factor the  $k$  prime power RSA moduli  $N_i$ .

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